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SUBJECT: VISIT OF US BUSINESSMAN

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1. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, PRESIDENT SADAT IS LIKELY TO BE IN ALEXANDRIA FOR PERIOD JUNE 16-20. BELIEVE ATTEMPT ARRANGE MEETING FOR MCDIVITT WITH PRESIDENT BEST HANDLED THROUGH AMBASSADOR GHORBAL, WHO STILL EXPECTS TO BE IN EGYPT (PROBABLY IN ALEXANDRIA) ON THOSE DATES.

2. WE ANXIOUS BE OF ALL APPROPRIATE HELP TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE HEAVY DRAIN WE MAKE ON SADAT'S TIME THROUGH OFFICIAL VISITORS, AMBASSADOR LONG AGO TOOK POSITION THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT BECOME "BOOKING AGENT" FOR EVERY AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WHO WANTS TO SEE THE PRESIDENT. IN CASE OF MCDIVITT, WHOSE PULLMAN FIRM IS COMPETING WITH OTHER AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS OF RAILWAY COACHES, THIS POLICY SEEMS ESPECIALLY APPOSITE. COMPETITORS WOULD VIEW OUR DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN ARRANGING MEETING WITH SADAT AS FAVORITISM OR THEY WOULD DEMAND THAT WE ARRANGE SIMILAR MEETINGS FOR THEM. THIS TYPE SITUATION SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

3. WE CANNOT ASCERTAIN RECEPTIVITY OF SADAT TO PROPOSED

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MEETING WITHOUT ASKING PRESIDENCY. IF SUCH REQUEST COMES FROM US, IT WILL AT ONCE BE VIEWED AS HAVING OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT. IN OUR JUDGMENT, GHORBAL EQUALLY ABLE ASCERTAIN SADAT'S RECEPTIVITY TO SUCH MEETING. MCDIVITT SHOULD BE URGED CONTACT HIM THROUGH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY. AMBASSADOR WILL MENTION SUBJECT TO GHORBAL, WHOM HE EXPECTS SEE TOMORROW.

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